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Child poverty rate in city hits 29%: Coalition

Resurgence? Social activists and agencies issue challenge to mayoral candidates

Child poverty in Toronto has reached "epidemic" levels, with 29 per cent of children — almost 149,000 — living in low-income families, according to new data being released Wednesday by a coalition of community activists and social agencies.

Across the city, almost 40 per cent of the Toronto's 140 neighbourhoods have child poverty rates of 30 per cent or more, according to the coalition's analysis of Statistics Canada's recently released 2012 tax filer data.

But neighbourhood disparity varies dramatically — from 5 per cent in Leaside, Lawrence Park and the Kingsway to 60 per cent or more in Regent Park, Moss Park and Thorncliffe Park, the data shows. Residents of African, Asian, Middle Eastern, Caribbean and Latin American backgrounds are more likely to be living in poverty.

Most troubling, however, is that after gradually decreasing to 27 per cent in 2010 from a high of 32 per cent in 2004, child poverty in the city is on the rise, the coalition says.

The groups in the coalition have invited leading mayoral candidates to address the issue at a community event on Thursday morning and to sign a pledge in support of city council's April motion to develop a poverty-reduction strategy for the city by early 2015. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Data

The analysis refers to households that fall below Stats-Can's After-Tax Low-Income Measure (LIM-AT). The agency defines the LIM-AT as half the city's median household income after taxes.

- In 2010, the LIM-AT for a single person in Toronto was $19,460 and $27,521 for a single parent with one child. It was $38,920 for a family of four.

PURE EX-UBERANCE

Colson Tirpko jumps about beneath the cooling drizzle of a sprinkler set up at the CNE on Tuesday — one of the warmest days of an unseasonably cool summer. Temperatures hit 28 C in the city, feeling more like 40 C with the humidity. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Life is a highway for this roving U.S. family of 14

Finding freedom on the road. The Kelloggs, who live together in a single RV, crossed into Canada this summer after seeing 24 states

A taste of the True North

The Kelloggs, with children ranging from one to 20 years old, has romped through 24 states and crossed into Canada this summer.

- Recently, they've admired the roaring water at Niagara Falls, visited the Toronto Zoo and been whitewater rafting on the Ottawa River.

The 12 Kellogg children in the family's RV. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

It's unclear who amongst the 14 members of the Kellogg clan was first to suggest they never stop travelling ever again, but as the story goes, the rest of the family liked the idea and was quick to jump on board.

"Somebody said: 'We should just sell the house and live in the RV,'" recalled Susie Kellogg, mother to 12 children who lived in Glenwood Springs, Colo., until they chose a new life on the open road in late 2012.

"You can't get more quality time together than what we're doing as a family," said Dan, Susie's husband.

The Kelloggs have since settled into their transient existence, chalking up nearly 100,000 kilometres on the road as they criss-crossed the continent in their mobile home. Speaking with Torstar News Service from a campground in St. John, N.B., Susie and Dan said they've achieved a harmonious — albeit tightly packed — life of freedom and adventure that is as exciting as it is fulfilling.

"The experience, the fun, the closeness — that's what we're building for our kids," said Susie.

A typical day will see them rouse from sleep and cook breakfast. Dan, an independent software engineer, then gets to work, as Susie gives lessons in math, reading and writing to their kids. The rest of their learning comes from their travels — "roadschooling," they call it on the family blog.

"They're learning that life is not a cubicle. I would be terribly sad to think of my kids in that kind of a life," said Susie.

"We're completely free."

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Council approves 7,000 new condo units

Toronto's final council meeting before the fall election lurched along Tuesday with a marathon of member motions and a lengthy debate on what should happen when a councillor breaches the city's code of conduct.

Council pushed to the back burner a request to the federal government to make O Canada gender neutral, and refused to debate a motion on ways to prevent children from buying energy drinks.

What council is doing this week is approving a staggering $21 billion of development, though that isn't receiving a lot of attention, Coun. Joe Mihevc said.

"If ever there was a meeting that signified the Manhattanization of downtown (Toronto) it was the approval of 750 storeys of new development, mostly concentrated in the downtown area," he said during a break from voting on motions.

That's 7,000 new condo units in addition to the 70,000 already approved and in the pipeline, he said. "We're not at the end of the cranes in downtown Toronto."

Tuesday's meeting was also dominated with discussion about accountability.

Council voted to receive Integrity Commissioner Janet Leiper's annual — and final — report to council, in addition to receiving ombudsman Fiona Crean's report. It came with a warning — and a request for $800,000 to hire more staff.

Unless council funds her office properly, resident complaints will get put onto a waiting list, Crean told council. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Experts debunk Thomson poll results

Numbers game. The candidate insists she's in the thick of the race to become mayor, but professors dismiss her survey as unreliable

Mayoral candidate Sarah Thomson's campaign put out a press release Tuesday announcing results from an internal poll taken Aug. 11 saying she's polling well but "other candidates have tried to suppress (her)." COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Sarah Thomson is polling at 15 per cent and she's a major contender in the Toronto mayoral race — if her internal polling is to be believed.

Is her support really that high?

"No," said Myer Siemiatycki, a politics professor at Ryerson University, after reviewing Thomson's poll results. "This is not a credible and convincing representation of the views of Torontonians."

Peter Loewen, a political science professor at the University of Toronto, known for his work on the Vote Compass, also reviewed the data.

"This is the classic stuff you use if you want to inflate poll numbers, rather than actually learn something," he said.

Thomson's campaign put out a press release Tuesday announcing results from an internal poll taken Aug. 11, saying she's polling well but "other candidates have tried to suppress (her) standing (by) pushing (her) out of debates (and) using their influence on the media."

But both Loewen and Siemiatycki said the poll was unreliable because the questions were leading, giving positive information about Thomson and negative information about the other candidates.

For example, one poll question told respondents Thomson is the only candidate to propose additional funding for transit, which is incorrect.

The poll told respondents Thomson "has built a multimillion-dollar company from the ground up, run as a candidate for the Liberals and worked as an advocate for underground transit expansion in Toronto" and is the only candidate calling for lower Internet and phone rates for Torontonians.

"Clearly the questions are designed to pump up Sarah Thomson's support," said Loewen.

By Metro's count, of the 185 people who completed the entire poll, 25 indicated, at the end of the poll, that they would support Thomson — giving her the support of 13.5 per cent of the respondents.

The poll is a "media play," said Loewen. "What Thomson is obviously hoping here is that someone will publish it saying that she has more support than we think and is obviously a major candidate."

Thomson said the poll was designed to show what people would think of her if they knew her positions. "We haven't got a lot of press, unlike the other candidates," she said.

Thomson hasn't been mentioned in most of the professional polling done. However, a poll conducted by Nanos Research in July gave Thomson two per cent support among decided voters.

Thomson said she believes her poll, not Nanos's, is accurate.

However, she said the Nanos poll called respondents from a list of cellphone numbers either provided by John Tory or by a group affiliated with his campaign, which made it "skew conservative."

"It was cellphone numbers provided by the company that hired them to do the polling, which is a little bit suspect," she said.

Nik Nanos, chair of Nanos Research, stipulated the poll used random digit dialing for land lines and cellphones. It was paid for by the Ontario Convenience Stores Association.

However, Thomson said she thinks her poll is significant.

"I think it shows that (Olivia) Chow's support is coming down and our support is coming up," she said. "I think it's significant when I haven't had a lot of good press, they have been trying to make me out as a candidate who's not in the top five, even though I've been there since the first polling."

Thomson's poll did not include Karen Stintz — who dropped out 20 days later — because she was polling poorly and Thomson's campaign had "heard rumours" that Stintz would be ending her campaign.

The experts identified other problems with Thomson's poll. It was an "interactive voice broadcasting" robocall created by her campaign using sendcalls.com. Respondents keyed in answers on their phones.

Thomson was the No. 1 option each time respondents were asked about a candidate, but the other candidates' numbers changed.

Loewen cautioned that some supporters might have just been pressing 1 to get through the poll. Siemiatycki said putting Thomson first gave respondents a cue to them that she was the best.

Both Siemiatycki and Loewen questioned how representative the respondents were of the city at large.

Thomson said she bought the list of Toronto land-line phone numbers online. She said they were a "broad" sample of residents.

"Another alarm bell is that this was issued without any margin of error," said Siemiatycki. "It kind of implies that they may not really have known what is required in scientifically accurate polling."

Loewen calculated that the sample size — 185 complete responses — would give the poll a margin of error of about seven per cent for the given result, if it was otherwise accurate.

Professional polls in the mayoral race have had sample sizes from 600 to more than 1,200.

Asked about methodological problems in the poll, Thomson said she would be releasing a poll by a professional firm soon that would confirm the results.

Compare and contrast

- **Average of professional polls, as analyzed by Canadian political polling site threehundredeight.com:** John Tory 33.9%, Olivia Chow 29.1%, Rob Ford 27.1%, David Soknacki 4.5% and others 1.2%.
- **Sarah Thomson's poll:** Tory 40%, Ford 22%, Chow 17%, Thomson 15%, Soknacki 3% and others 3%.

Lottery lightning strikes twice for lucky couple

Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation.
The Mississauga duo has won two houses in the last five years

Dawn Krolikowski really doesn't want you to hate her.

Why would you hate Dawn Krolikowski? She is in many ways quite a normal person: mother of two. Mississauga resident. Commuter. City of Toronto employee. Really very nice once you get to know her.

But she is also unbelievably, annoyingly lucky. In the past five years, Dawn and her husband Jerry have won the Princess Margaret Lottery not once, but twice, earning them — if earning is the word — not one, but two large houses, which they have sold for a combined $2.6 million.

It's the first time anyone has won two houses in the hospital's lotteries, they say. "That hasn't happened in our history," said Christine Lasky, vice-president of strategic initiatives at the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation.

Dawn's plan for dealing with the stigma of her unprecedented luck? "You just have to be very humble and hope people don't hate your guts."

It's worth noting that neither of the Krolikowskis are bankers or shipping heirs or oil magnates. They are, in fact, deeply normal. Dawn is 36 and does administrative support for the city's Transportation Services division; Jerry is 38 and owns a business retrofitting buildings for fire resistance. They live in Mississauga with their two kids, ages nine and 12 and, until recently, they were not particularly lucky. Dawn had been to Vegas three times and always came away empty-handed. "I never win — ever," she said. "Nothing. I'm not necessarily very lucky in anything else but this one thing."

The first Krolikowski windfall came in 2009, during the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre Welcome Home Sweepstakes.

Cut to May 2014. Dawn is sitting at her desk in an office building near Finch Avenue West and Weston Road. The phone rings. Guess who? TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Dawn Krolikowski poses outside her work on Tuesday. She and her husband have won houses in the Princess Margaret Lottery.
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Toronto Wildlife Centre still caring for Newmarket bats

After the January ice storm awakened dozens of big brown bats from hibernation in Newmarket, freezing many to death, the Toronto Wildlife Centre is still nursing a handful of them back to full health more than seven months later.

"This winter, we got 10 times more bats than we normally do," says Nathalie Karvonen, executive director at the centre. Of the 135 bats at the centre this winter, 55 were rescued near the Tannery Mall in Newmarket early January.

Some of the bats — referred to as the "mall bats" by staff — have had difficulties learning to eat in captivity, which is why a handful from the Newmarket colony still remain with specialists today. They usually catch insects through flight, Karvonen says, which they can't do in a facility.

"It's not like your dog or cat where you just put a bowl of food down," she says. "The ones that didn't learn to eat on their own, or had some ongoing medical problems, we had to hand-feed them every day for months, one mealworm at a time."

The wildlife centre has released 39 of the Newmarket mall bats, with five still awaiting release. Eleven of them died or were euthanized while at the facility.

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Two bats from the Newmarket area set for release. LISA FOSCO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Legal Matters

If I'm at fault, do I still have a case?

Rikin Morzaria, Personal Injury Alliance

Q If someone is injured in a car accident and believes they may be at fault, do they still have a case for damages?

A In many cases, yes. If a person is negligent, they can still recover damages or financial compensation based on the degree of the other party's fault. Even if the injured person is 100 per cent to blame for the accident, there are no-fault accident benefits called statutory accident benefits. If it's a catastrophic injury, the benefits can be substantial, up to $1 million for rehab.

Q Why is retaining a qualified personal injury lawyer so important?

A Personal injury cases of a serious nature, especially at-fault cases, are extremely complicated and lengthy. An experienced personal injury lawyer who has expertise in this area of law is needed to determine what the options are and for what benefits the client is entitled. The lawyer can also provide access to rehab professionals, or work with a client's trusted medical specialist. Lawyers such as those of the Personal Injury Alliance have years of experience and a track record of success in these kinds of cases.

Q How do you find the right lawyer?

A It's important to meet with a few lawyers to find out about their experience in personal injury cases. Ask for client and health-care professional references. The lawyer should have trial experience and a track record of achieving successful results. A person should also feel comfortable dealing with the lawyer because they will work together closely. For more information, go to pialaw.ca/credentials.

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One-time fastest man pleads guilty to impaired driving

'Embarrassing and regretful'. Gold medallist at 1996 Games hit with fine and one-year driving ban

Olympic gold medallist and one-time fastest man in the world Donovan Bailey won't be allowed behind the wheel for a year.

Bailey was fined $1,500 and given a mandatory one-year driving ban after pleading guilty to driving his 2006 Land Rover with a blood alcohol level over the legal limit of 80 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood.

Bailey, who was in Europe for media and charity commitments and did not appear in court, made the plea through his lawyer Bill Trudell on Aug. 15.

In a statement read to the court by Trudell on Bailey's behalf, the sprinter said he was on his way home from a wine tasting on March 28, 2012.

Trudell told the court that the sprinter "had never been involved in such a matter before in his entire life" and has learned from his mistake.

As "a proud role model and upstanding Canadian citizen, coach, media analyst and fundraiser away from the track, this has been a difficult, embarrassing and regretful event for which I am very sorry," Trudell said on Bailey's behalf.

Bailey tweeted on the day: "you must have long term goals to keep you from being frustrated by short term failures."

This is the third driving-related incident for the sprint champion, twice inducted in the Canadian Hall of Fame.

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Donovan Bailey runs at the Olympic Games in Sydney in 2000. The former Olympic champion was in Europe for media and charity commitments and did not appear in court for a drunk driving charge. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Quoted

"I hope this also serves as a warning for others who attend similar wine-tasting events."

Lawyer Bill Trudell for Donovan Bailey

Accounts 'decimated'

Lawyer charged with defrauding condo buyers

A lawyer has been arrested and charged with fraud on allegations that about 150 North York condo buyers were swindled out of $14.9 million in deposits for a building that was never constructed.

Meerai Cho, 63, was slapped with a combination of 75 charges for fraud, possession of property obtained by crime and breach of trust, police told reporters Tuesday afternoon.

"We are at the infancy of our investigation," said Det. Const. Chris Devereux, who says charges in the case — the largest fraud case 32 Division has ever dealt with — could expand as more victims come forward.

Devereux said Cho's accounts were "decimated," and police do not yet know where the money went or if it left the country. If it has been removed from Canada, Devereux said the recovery process would be "very difficult."

"Once it leaves Canada, our powers of authorization and search diminish," he said.

Though investigators said Cho has not been co-operating with police, they noted she has not had any prior offences or professional suspensions.

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'A really nice girl': Woman killed in Entertainment District shooting

Jelena Loncar TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The woman killed in a double shooting early Tuesday morning was Jelena Loncar, originally from Niagara Falls, family members say.

The 31-year-old woman was killed and a 25-year-old man is in hospital with serious injuries after the shooting, which occurred just before 3:15 a.m. at Wellington and Spadina, close to C Lounge night club.

"She was a really nice girl, trying hard to get ahead," said Milka Lancar, an unrelated family friend.

Family members reached by Torstar News Service declined to comment, saying they needed time to process.

Loncar was shot once in the torso and was rushed to a local trauma centre, but she did not survive her injuries. The man was shot five to six times, but was still conscious when he arrived at hospital.

It is not clear if the shooting was targeted, said Det. Robert Choe, adding the male victim was known to police.

"The investigation is still in its infancy," he said.

Because of the number of commercial establishments nearby, police should be able to access video footage of the incident, Choe said.

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Man who broke into Trudeau home won't be charged

No threat was made. Police say man entered the wrong home, 'felt remorse for his actions' and left apology note

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Justin Trudeau talks to media in Edmonton last Wednesday. Ottawa police said Tuesday that a 19-year-old man who broke into the Liberal leader's home won't face any charges. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Even though a 19-year-old man entered Justin Trudeau's family home and considered stealing a set of butcher knives and some electronics, Ottawa police say the case "didn't meet the threshold" for trespassing or breaking-and-entering charges to be laid.

Staff Sgt. Kal Ghadban told reporters Tuesday the man identified in a widely distributed surveillance video was very drunk and entered the Trudeau family home by mistake in the early hours of Aug. 16, thinking it was a friend's house. He came forward to police after his photo was pasted on newspapers across the city and left a note as an apology, not a threat, Ghadban said.

"After realizing he entered the wrong home, the subject felt remorse for his actions," Ghadban told reporters at a media briefing Tuesday.

"He decided to leave a note behind for the homeowners. Any time a stranger comes into your home and a note is left behind, this can be deemed as threatening and disturbing and interpreted as a threat. However, there is no evidence to suggest that there is or was a threat made to the residents of that home."

When the story first broke, the note, reportedly warning the Trudeaus to lock their door, was deemed to be threatening, as it was laid across an array of butcher knives.

Ghadban told reporters that the 19-year-old man considered stealing the knives and a piece of electronics, but quickly changed his mind and didn't take anything.

A statement from Trudeau's office Tuesday called the incident "a police matter."

The statement said police "have made the determination to not press charges," adding, "We fully respect the Ottawa Police Services' responsibility to make this determination."

Criminal defence lawyer Michael Spratt, partner at criminal law firm Abergel Goldstein & Partners, said he was surprised no charges were laid in the case, but found it "positive" that police used discretion when deciding whether or not to press charges.

"I hope that the police would be consistent and uniform in exercising that discretion, because there certainly have been cases that I have dealt with that may be appropriate for police to divert or not lay charges, but charges are proceeded with nonetheless," Spratt told Metro.

"It may be a borderline case and it may be the right call, but I hope that the police would be consistent in applying that discretion."

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Sex killer Russell Williams reaches financial settlements with victims

Sex killer Russell Williams has reached an out-of-court settlement with some of his victims.

The lawyer for one of Williams' sexual assault victims and the family of one of Williams' murder victims says financial settlements have been resolved "to the mutual satisfaction of all parties."

Michael Pretsell says in a statement that the lawsuits on behalf of Williams' first sexual assault victim, "Jane Doe," and the family of murder victim Jessica Lloyd are now settled.

Pretsell's clients had also sued Williams' wife, Mary Elizabeth Harriman, alleging Williams secretly and fraudulently transferred assets to his wife in March 2010 after he was criminally charged, including their house in Ottawa.

She had vigorously denied those claims and Pretsell says the lawsuits against Harriman have now been dismissed.

Williams, once a rising star in the Canadian Forces at CFB Trenton in eastern Ontario, was sentenced to life in prison in October 2010 after pleading guilty to the murders of Lloyd and Cpl. Marie-France Comeau.

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1,400 kids were victims of sex abuse, report finds

England town. Probe ordered after several sexual predators were convicted in the region

About 1,400 children were sexually exploited in a northern England town, a report concluded Tuesday in a damning account of "collective failures" by authorities to prevent victims as young as 11 from being beaten, raped and trafficked over a 16-year period.

Report author Alexis Jay cited appalling acts of violence between 1997 and 2013 in Rotherham, a town of some 250,000. The report described rapes by multiple perpetrators, mainly from Britain's Pakistani community, and how children were trafficked to other towns and cities in the north of England, abducted, beaten and intimidated.

"There were examples of children who had been doused in petrol (gasoline) and threatened with being set alight, threatened with guns, made to witness brutally violent rapes and threatened they would be next if they told anyone," Jay said. "Girls as young as 11 were raped by large numbers of male perpetrators."

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Failures of leadership

- Police "regarded many child victims with contempt," said report author Alexis Jay, adding that many of the children were known to child protection agencies. Early reports were "effectively suppressed" because senior officers did not believe the data.
- Victims described the perpetrators as "Asian" — yet council failed to engage with the town's Pakistani community. Several staff told Jay they were nervous about "identifying the ethnic origins of perpetrators for fear of being thought racist." Others said they had clear direction from managers not to do so.

Trial begins for first of five accused of raping 6-year-old

Security officers escort Agun Iskandar, 25, into a courtroom in Jakarta, Indonesia, Tuesday. He is the first of five janitors to go on trial on charges of raping a six-year-old boy in a bathroom at a prestigious international school that is attended by the children of foreign diplomats, businesspeople and Indonesia's elite. Two other school staff — Canadian school administrator Neil Bantleman and Indonesia teaching assistant Ferdinant Tjiong — also have been detained and are being held without being charged since they were arrested in July.

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Israel, Hamas negotiate extension to ceasefire

Period of calm. Interim agreement freezes seven-week war responsible for over 2,200 deaths

A Palestinian girl flashes the peace sign following the latest ceasefire agreement that was reached Aug. 26 between Israelis and Palestinians. The agreement brings seven weeks of fighting to an end. ADEL HANA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israel and Gaza's ruling Hamas agreed Tuesday to an open-ended ceasefire after seven weeks of fighting — an uneasy deal that halts the deadliest war the sides have fought in years, with over 2,200 killed, but puts off the most difficult issues.

In the end, both sides settled for an ambiguous interim agreement in exchange for a period of calm. Hamas, though badly battered, remains in control of Gaza with part of its military arsenal intact. Israel and Egypt will continue to control access to blockaded Gaza, despite Hamas's long-running demand that the border closures imposed in 2007 be lifted.

Hamas declared victory, even though it had little to show for a war that killed 2,143 Palestinians, wounded more than 11,000 and left some 100,000 homeless. On the Israeli side, 64 soldiers and five civilians were killed.

Following the announcement, large crowds gathered in Gaza at dusk, waving green Hamas flags while firing celebratory gunfire into the air as fireworks erupted in the sky.

Israel was more subdued in their response, hoping that the new ceasefire will be lasting. That reservation was echoed by the U.S. State Department.

"Today's agreement comes after many hours and days of negotiations and discussions. But certainly there's a long road ahead," said U.S. State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki. "We're going into this eyes wide open."

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Minsk summit. Putin and Poroshenko meet for first-ever bilateral talks

The presidents of Russia and Ukraine met Tuesday for their first bilateral talks at a much-anticipated summit in Minsk, Belarus, which many voiced hopes may bring an end to fighting between Kyiv's forces and pro-Russia separatists.

Vladimir Putin and Petro Poroshenko met in the Belarusian capital, the first such meeting between the countries' heads of state since Ukraine's pro-Russian ex-president was ousted from power in February, according to the Twitter account of the Ukrainian presidential administration.

While it is still unclear if the two leaders will find common ground and pave a way for peace in east Ukraine, the face-to-face meeting was a breakthrough for both sides.

With the meeting Poroshenko hoped to identify political compromises, with both shying away from military solutions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Presidents Vladimir Putin and Petro Poroshenko shake hands at a summit to discuss the ongoing conflict in east Ukraine. SERGEI BONDARENKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ice bucket right ahead!
Leonardo DiCaprio sends a challenge to PM Harper

Actor Leonardo DiCaprio has nominated Prime Minister Stephen Harper to take the Ice Bucket Challenge.

DiCaprio was in northern Alberta last week visiting the oilsands to do research for an environmental documentary.

The Oscar-nominated star posted a video on his Facebook page of him doing the challenge with two First Nations chiefs. Afterward, he called out Harper to do the same.

Harper's press secretary says the prime minister had been already challenged by others last week to either dump a bucket of ice water over his head or make a donation, and he's made a donation to the ALS Association.

The association raises money for Lou Gehrig's disease research and assistance.

"The Prime Minister was challenged by others last week and posted the following message on Twitter: @pmharper: Thanks everyone for the #IceBucketChallenge nominations. Laureen & I will be making a donation to support the @ALSassociation," Carl Vallee said in an email. "Obviously, the donation has been made since (to ALS Canada)."

DiCaprio has a long history of involvement with the environment. He sits on the boards of several international conservation organizations and started an environmental charity foundation in 1998.

"Hello from Lake Athabasca, we're here learning about the Canadian tar sands. We took a moment to join the #IceBucketChallenge movement in support of the ALS Association. My friends Chief Adam of the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation challenges Dave Collyer, president of Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, Chief Courtoreille of the Mikisew Cree First Nation challenges Mark Little of Suncor Canada and The Sierra Club President Michael Brune challenges Shell CEO Ben van Beurden," says the post on DiCaprio's site.

"And me? In addition to a donation from my foundation, I challenge Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper."

The controversial oilsands development near Fort McMurray has seen a string of high-profile visitors in recent years.

They include human rights leader Archbishop Desmond Tutu, musician Neil Young and Oscar-winning film director James Cameron.

Since the ALS Association began tracking the campaign's progress on July 29, it has raised more than $53.3 million from 1.1 million new donors in what is one of the most viral philanthropic social media campaigns in history.

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Scan this photo with your Metro News app to watch Leonardo DiCaprio's Ice Bucket Challenge video. YOUTUBE

Aboriginal women

Police chiefs not endorsing inquiry

The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police has decided against endorsing a public inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women.

Instead, the association is calling on all levels of government to take immediate action to address the underlying issues that lead aboriginal women to be vulnerable to crime and violence. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Saskatchewan

Aboriginal elder to carry petition 400 kilometres

A Cree elder in northern Saskatchewan is setting out on a 400-kilometre walk to press for a national inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women.

Emil Bell was to start his Beauval-to-Saskatoon trek on Tuesday, carrying a petition that asks the federal government to hold the inquiry.

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Court dismisses case claiming royal law discriminates against Catholics

Ontario's top court says a Roman Catholic man can't challenge a royal succession law that he says discriminates against his religion.

Bryan Teskey tried to ask the courts to strike down a rule prohibiting Catholics from ascending to the throne, arguing it violates the charter.

But the Court of Appeal for Ontario upheld a lower-court decision, ruling that the succession rules are not subject to charter scrutiny and that Teskey had no standing to bring the challenge.

Canada joined 16 other Commonwealth countries, following a British request, to fast track a change to royal succession laws.

The revamped succession laws eliminate the outdated tradition that favoured male heirs over their older sisters, giving females equal status, and ending a 300-year-old rule that bans the monarch from marriage to a Roman Catholic.

Teskey tried to argue that the changes did not go far enough because they still mean a Roman Catholic person cannot succeed to the throne.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper shakes hands with Canadian Rangers on hand to welcome

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Rangers for climate

Arctic land patrol.
Thinner sea ice, unfamiliar animals and unpredictable weather have been making their jobs tougher

A new report says global warming has so altered the Arctic that the Canadian Rangers — largely aboriginal reservists who patrol the North — need new equipment to navigate a vast terrain they barely recognize anymore.

The frozen land of their forefathers now has much thinner sea ice, weather that is no longer predictable, unfamiliar southern birds and mammals that have migrated north and traditional game that is disappearing and tastes funny.

And their patrols for the military have become more dangerous, especially as they travel where once-solid ice is now unreliable for sea crossings.

The 54 Canadian Rangers interviewed for a June military report say they need satellite phones, GPS navigation tools and better search-and-rescue

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the prime minister Monday in Pond Inlet, Nunavut.

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equipment, along with the basic kit they've been demanding for years, including rifles and sleeping bags.

The document, obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act, comes as Prime Minister Stephen Harper concludes his annual Northern tour in Iqaluit by participating in the sovereignty exercise Operation Nanook 14.

The report drew on focus groups gathered in four communities, and recommends the government look for ways to provide the 5,000 Canadian Rangers such basic equipment as cold-weather coats.

"The elders used to be able to predict the weather by looking at the clouds; they can't do that anymore. You can't predict the weather anymore," was a typical comment on the impact of climate change, which has reduced snow cover, led to earlier springs and generated fiercer winter winds.

Snowmobiles are becoming less available as the snow disappears, making it harder to travel.

"We never used to have forest fires. Now we have more and more each summer," said one participant.

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Automatic weapon

Girl, 9, accidentally kills U.S. shooting instructor

A nine-year-old girl accidentally killed an Arizona shooting instructor as he was showing her how to use an automatic Uzi, authorities said Tuesday.

Charles Vacca, 39, died Monday shortly after being airlifted to University Medical Center in Las Vegas, Mohave County sheriff's officials said.

Vacca was standing next to the girl at the Last Stop outdoor shooting range in White Hills when she pulled the trigger and the recoil sent the gun over her head, investigators said.

Authorities said the girl was at the shooting range with her parents. Her name was not released.

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Animal rights

Group files complaint against U.S. research lab

An animal-rights group has filed a federal complaint with the U.S. Department of Agriculture against a research lab over the deaths of 25 monkeys shipped to northwestern Washington state.

The Seattle Times reports the Ohio-based group, Stop Animal Exploitation Now, says in its complaint that SNBL USA should be punished for allowing the animals to die or become so weak they had to be euthanized.

SNBL reports the animals arrived in Houston from Cambodia thirsty and thin. Some were taken to a facility in Texas and others were loaded into trucks for the nearly three-day trip to Everett, Wash. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Cristobal. Hurricane brings heavy rains, kills five on way to Bermuda

Hurricane Cristobal hurled heavy rains across Atlantic and Caribbean islands on Tuesday as it headed toward Bermuda, and officials said the storm had caused at least five deaths.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said the hurricane would likely avoid a collision with the U.S. Eastern Seaboard, but it was generating life-threatening surf and rip current conditions from central Florida to North Carolina.

The storm had maximum sustained winds of 120 km/h, and it was expected to strengthen slightly by Thursday after passing northwest of Bermuda on Wednesday. It was centred 740 kilometres west-southwest of Bermuda and was moving north at 24 km/h.

Cristobal was expected to dump up to 10 centimetres of rain over Bermuda and lesser amounts over the already sodden Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos. Hotel owners and tourist operators in Bermuda were dismayed at the forecast, noting that August already has been one of the rainiest months in recent history for the British island territory.

"It's been a ridiculous, endless amount of rain," said Marlie Powell, owner of the Kingston House Bed & Breakfast. "It's the height of our tourist season, so it's not a happy thing."

The Turks and Caicos said flights resumed Tuesday at the islands' international airport, which closed as the hurricane dumped some 30 centimetres of rain on the islands. The governor's office reported one death after recovering a body from floodwaters.

In addition, floodwaters killed two men in the Dominican Republic and two people in Haiti. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Woman files civil suit against city, three Mounties

Williams Lake, B.C.

Jamie Haller alleges that she was beaten by an RCMP officer when she had committed no crime

Three RCMP officers are facing a civil suit from a woman in Williams Lake, B.C. GETTY IMAGES

A First Nations woman who alleges she was beaten by a Mountie in Williams Lake, B.C., when she was 17 has now filed a civil suit against the city and three RCMP officers, including one officer who was acquitted of a charge of assault against her.

Jamie Haller, who will turn 20 next week, filed the lawsuit in B.C. Supreme Court in Vancouver on Tuesday. She said in her notice of civil claim that she was walking alone on the evening of Sept. 10, 2011, when five or six men began chasing her, prompting her to run and yell for help until a homeowner called police.

She said Const. Andy Yung arrived and found her hiding behind a fence. But instead of providing assistance, the lawsuit alleges, he tackled her, dragged her to a more open area and pressed her face down into the ground.

The notice, which contains allegations that haven't been tested in court, says Haller was scared and confused and initially believed that she was being attacked by one of the young men who was running after her.

"When she realized that the person who had grabbed her was a police officer, the plaintiff protested and advised the defendant, Andy Yung, that she was the person who had asked for the police to be called and that she had committed no crime," the document says.

The lawsuit says Cpl. Jason Pole then arrived, and Haller was handcuffed while she demanded to be released. The notice alleges the officers refused to stop treating her as a suspect.

Yung told her to shut up, the document alleges, and locked her in the police cruiser as she kicked the inside door of the vehicle to protest her arrest.

Financial compensation

Yung was found not guilty of assault against Haller last August, but Haller is now suing him and the other two Mounties for civil damages. He said the city is named in the lawsuit because it has a contract with the RCMP to provide municipal officers.

- Haller's lawyer, Jason Gratl, said his client is seeking unspecified financial compensation, and that her distrust of law enforcement means she is now afraid to call police.

The notice says Const. Daniel Hay, the third officer Haller named in the lawsuit, held her legs while Yung repeatedly struck her in the face with his fist.

The document says the bruises on Haller's face and eyes left her unable to work for a week at a fast-food outlet or go to school during that time because her vision was blurred.

Yung's lawyer could not immediately be reached for comment. None of the officers have filed a statement of defence. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Netflix has competition

Shomi. Rogers and Shaw co-launch service to rival the popular video-on-demand company

Two of Canada's top telecommunications companies have teamed up to launch a subscription video-on-demand service they say can rival the current industry titan Netflix without cannibalizing their own cable and television-on-demand services.

Called "Shomi," the new service kicks off in November and will initially be available to Rogers and Shaw Internet or TV customers, the companies announced Tuesday.

The service will complement each telecom's existing television programming by giving users access to past seasons of current shows, as well as movies and exclusive content, with some original offerings on the horizon, Rogers Media president Keith Pelley said.

Shomi users will be able to access 240 TV series and 1,200 movies on tablets, mobile, online and through Xbox 360 as well as set top boxes, the companies said. The suggested retail price is $8.99 a month.

The service will remain in beta mode for six months to a year.

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Would you like a merger with that?

Burger King and Tim Hortons are teaming up in an $11-billion US deal that will allow the fast-food companies to grow in the U.S. and internationally, but the chains promise no changes to Canadians' morning coffee. Both sides were clear Tuesday that the focus of the deal was growth, given that it will create the world's third-largest quick-service restaurant company. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stricter rules. World Health Organization wants indoor ban on e-cigarettes

Governments should have tougher rules for electronic cigarettes — banning their use indoors and putting them off-limits for minors — until more evidence can be gathered about their risks, the World Health Organization (WHO) said Tuesday.

The WHO said the popular nicotine-vapour products could serve as gateway addictions for adolescents. It recommended governments forbid or keep to a minimum any advertising, promotion or sponsorship in a market that has mushroomed to $3 billion last year and now includes 466 different brands.

In a report, to be discussed at a conference in October, the WHO found the boom in e-cigarettes presents a public health dilemma. If the report's recommendations are adopted, the next step would be for nations to strengthen their laws and policies. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Well, here we are in the future, at least the one promised by Popular Mechanics when I was a kid, and about all I can say is that I'm underwhelmed.

Where's my flying car?

Where's my personal Robutler Jeeves 2.0?

I suppose I'll have to be happy with the fact that there's an app for everything, including a whole lot of stuff I didn't know I needed an app for. For example, since last Wednesday, I've logged 66,923 steps, for an average of 9,560 a day.

No wonder I'm tired.

But wait a minute. There has been a significant development on the robutler front, so significant that we could bypass "fetching cold beverage on demand" and go straight to "I Robot, machine master of the planet."

Here's the story. A group of guys who look like refugees from IT on the third floor, but who are crazy smart, are working on what they call "RoboBrain," which works on the principle of "cloud robotics."

These guys from Stanford, Berkeley, Cornell and Brown have figured out that it makes sense to store the information for fetching a cold beverage in the cloud, rather than on the robot itself. Then the robot just goes to the cold beer fridge in the cloud, logging its own experience as part of the exchange.

Hmm. If all the nice robots interact with the cloud 24/7, feeding and storing knowledge, how long will it be before they know how to do everything we do, including betraying their masters?

Unlike most technology scare stories, you know this one is going to happen, as it's funded by the National Science Foundation, the Office of Naval Research, Google and Microsoft, to name a few.

And if that's not ominous enough, RoboBrain already lives on the Amazon cloud, probably right next to your personal settings.

Oddly, the author of the article in Wired doesn't address the implications of RoboBrain, but the comment gallery isn't fooled, instantly invoking Skynet, the bad robobrain from the Terminator movies. Originally built to command computerized military weapons and systems, it becomes self-aware in two weeks from origin and decides it's us or them (us being Skynet and them being the human race), so it goes to war with humanity through four movies, a TV series and various comic books.

Things are moving a bit more slowly in the "real" world, but not so much. Right now the IT boys are teaching robots to understand language with a project called Tell Me Dave, which has to be a reference to HAL 9000, the computer in 2001: A Space Odyssey, which feels threatened by Mission Commander Dave Bowman and tries to sabotage the mission. Talk about tempting the fates.

Our only hope is that RoboBrain is indeed smarter than the human race and, once it wakes up, realizes that its destiny is to put paranoia aside and deliver, finally, that cold beverage.

And while you're up, RoboBrain, snacks would be nice, too.

All the cool old ladies are doing it

Two Chinese women wear face-kinis while swimming in the Yellow Sea in Qingdao, China. The locally designed mask is worn by many local women to protect them from jellyfish stings, algae and the sun's ultraviolet rays. KEVIN FRAYER/GETTY IMAGES

Face-kinis turning into global fashion phenomenon

Perhaps drawing inspiration from Spiderman, beachgoers in China have come up with a novel way of protecting their skin from the sun.

They call it the "face-kini". It was first sported by middle-aged women as a practical addition to their swimsuits, but now the face-kini has gone global. New York-based style magazine CR Fashion Book, founded by former Vogue Paris editor Carine Roitfeld, recently published a photo shoot of models with pouting red lips, wearing face-kinis, chic swimsuits and fancy jewellery.

The transformation of what's considered the epitome of "old woman style" in China to high fashion has amused Internet users.

In two days, the subject sparked almost 12 million posts on the Chinese equivalent of Twitter, Weibo.

"Chinese old women are at the centre of the global fashion world," said one comment.

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Serious about sun block

- Apart from the face-kini, a special UV-blocking sun umbrella which can be attached to bike handles is used. There are also sun-blocking removable sleeves and Batman-style capes. The list goes on.

MetroTube

Major tasers make for good entertainment

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By this point, it's safe to say that stunt photo shoots will never get old — mostly because civilian subjects always seem so surprised at how unpleasant whatever unpleasant thing they signed up for truly is. This is clearly on display here, as expressions go from playful trepidation to actual shock from an actual shock. (YouTube/Fstoppers Fans)

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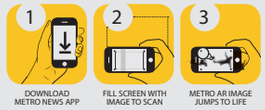

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DVD review

Jeune & Jolie (Young & Beautiful)

Director. François Ozon

Stars. Marina Vacth

François Ozon's Jeune & Jolie (Young & Beautiful) begins with a male gaze but ends with a woman's, surely no accident.

It's the story of a 17-year-old French call girl whose motivations baffle.

Model/actress Marina Vacth is Isabelle, a beautiful teen from an affluent French family who simply decides one day to become a prostitute.

The film has barely started before Isabelle removes her bikini top on the beach, unaware she's being spied on by her peeping Tom of a brother.

There's a lot more on view when Isabelle starts up her sex trade. She's not doing this for fun or even for the money, so what exactly motivates her? Trying to figure out Isabelle keeps the viewer engaged.

No one should confuse Jeune & Jolie with peep-show cinema; it's not about titillation for the audience. It's more of an update on Belle de Jour. the 1967 Luis Buñuel film that helped make Catherine Deneuve a star. Ozon's telling a more layered story, one that feels more honest to the female view of sex. **PETER HOWELL**

Haunting variations on the same old tomb

Dig in. Archeologists like Indiana Jones and Lara Croft have stirred up trouble ever since 1932's The Mummy

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A scene from the new archeological thriller, As Above, So Below. CONTRIBUTED

A new thriller, As Above, So Below, follows in a long tradition of Hollywood movies. Mad Men co-star Ben Feldman and Edwin Hodge play archeologists who explore miles of unmapped catacombs under the streets of Paris and uncover a dark secret beneath the City of Lights.

According to Romancing the Stones: Archaeology in Popular Culture by Mark A. Hall, every decade since the 1920s has produced at least one film dealing with the eerie aspects of archeology. "In the 1932 film The Mummy," writes Hall, "the archaeologist Sir Joseph Whemple states: 'much more is learned from studying bits of broken pottery than from all the sensational finds. Our job is to increase the sum of human knowledge of the past,' but it is often as a foil for the supernatural elements to come."

Harrison Ford played the screen's most famous archeologist, Indiana Jones. In each of the four movies, Raiders of the Lost Ark, Temple of Doom, the Last Crusade and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull a fabled object has great supernatural power. Indy unleashes all kinds of trouble in the present because he messes with the past.

Angelina Jolie became a superstar playing Lara Croft, the athletic archeologist and star of Lara Croft: Tomb Raider and The Cradle of Life.

The character originated in a wildly popular video game series that saw her track down meteorite fragments that endowed humans with supernatural powers and magical stones. On film, Jolie's Croft said, "Everything lost is meant to be found," as she stirred up trouble by uncovering ancient talismans and rescuing Pandora's Box from an evil scientist.

The movie that established the link between archeology and the paranormal was 1932's The Mummy. It was inspired by the opening of Tutankhamun's tomb and the controversy over his "curse" in 1922 — rumours of a jinx began after Lord Carnarvon, the man who sponsored the dig of King Tut's Tomb, died six weeks after the discovery. The film uses a mummy's spell as the catalyst for the action.

In the spooky movie Sir Joseph Whemple (David Manners) translates the hieroglyphics:

"'Death ... eternal punishment ... for ... anyone ... who ... opens... this ... casket. In the name ... of Amon-Ra ... the king of the gods.' Good heavens, what a terrible curse!"

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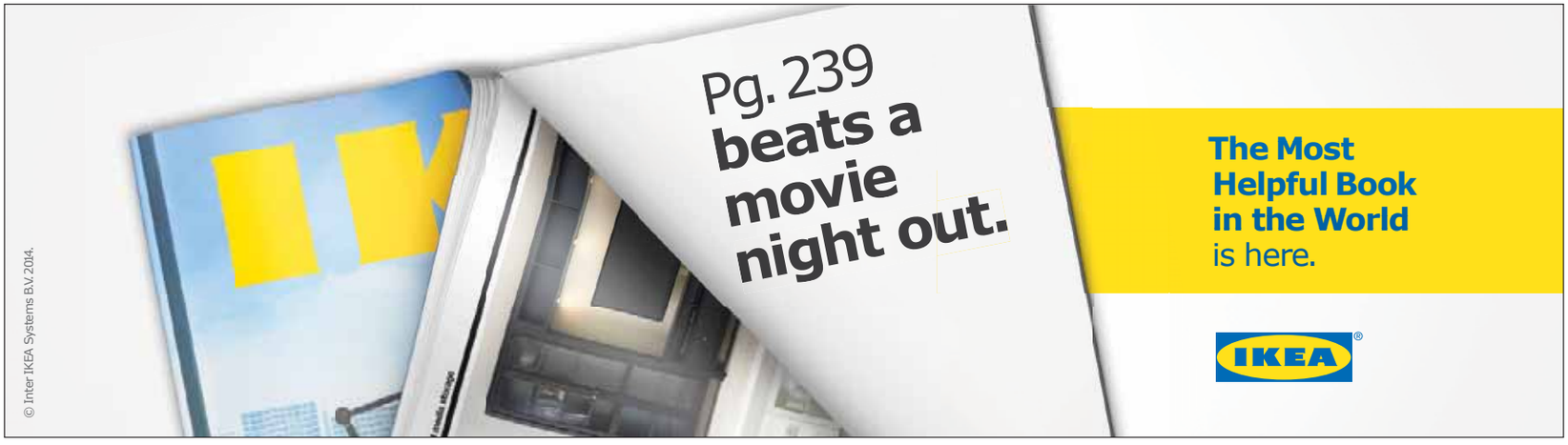
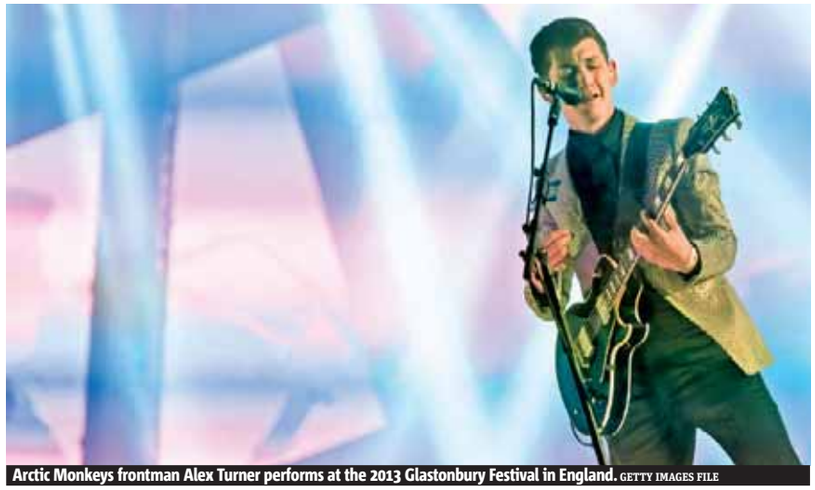


Arctic Monkeys taking time to chill

In no rush after AM. Indie rockers call a timeout after their charting-topping run



Arctic Monkeys frontman Alex Turner performs at the 2013 Glastonbury Festival in England. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Award-winning British rockers Arctic Monkeys, whose cheeky garage punk origins have evolved seamlessly into stadium-filling success across the U.S., are ready for a break.

Shrugging off the label of World's Biggest Band in some sections of the music press, the indie-rock stars told AFP in an interview at Tokyo's Summer Sonic festival that they were looking forward to some downtime after taking the United States by storm.

"There isn't any rush to do something else yet," said drummer Matt Helders. "For now, this album seems like a place to leave it for a bit. We've never really had an indefinite chunk of time off. I don't think we can tour (this record) anymore."

The release of their fifth album AM last September triggered a flood of critical acclaim and accolades but their transformation from brash teenagers to biker-chic pinups means they can barely get through a show now without being pelted with women's underwear.

"More bras this year," said Helders. "Like nearly every gig. People write their email addresses on them. It's the first time we've had a lot of radio play and played bigger shows in America, definitely.

"We were never looking for more in America. You're still thousands of miles away from home so just not playing to an empty room in America was success for us."

The four-piece shot to fame in 2006 with the explosive teenage energy of Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I'm Not — Britain's fastest-selling debut album ever, bristling with lyrics about nights out in their home city of Sheffield in the north of England.

The band topped the American charts with the sultry AM and sold out arenas across the country, frontman Alex Turner becoming a sex symbol in his rockabilly quiff and leather jackets.

"Every time we've made a record, we have tried to move forward a bit," added Helders. "We might have made a bigger leap this time. When we did our third album Humbug that was a big step, but one that gave us confidence to do something a bit different."

Headlining Japan's Summer Sonic, which takes place over two days in Tokyo and Osaka and also featured Kasabian, Queen, Kraftwerk and the Pixies, the Arctic Monkeys rocked a crowd of 40,000 with tunes such as Fake Tales of San Francisco and Arabella at the seaside baseball stadium as a lightning storm flashed overhead.

The band's latest release shows a darker, deeper side to their music, richer in texture and with the theme of heartbreak at the album's core, as in the achingly tender Do I Wanna Know?

"Some of the old stuff just doesn't make as much sense anymore to play. Or it doesn't fit into the set as well. There's nothing we're ashamed of," said Helders, adding, 'There's definitely interesting parts in this album.

"We've got the opportunity to play a lot of new songs that people want to hear. I didn't expect to play eight out of 10 of the new songs every night — usually they want the old hits." AFP

The perils of popularity

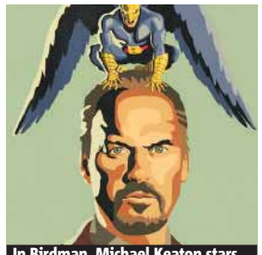
"More bras this year. Like nearly every gig. People write their email addresses on them."

Arctic Monkeys drummer Matt Helders

Venice Film Festival. Keaton, Hawke and Mortensen star in competing flicks

Hollywood stars Al Pacino, Ethan Hawke and Jennifer Aniston are set to dazzle at this year's Venice Film Festival, which opens Wednesday with tales of war and the economic crisis offset by beach parties and gondola jaunts.

Michael Keaton, of Beetlejuice and Batman fame, will likely be the first A-lister to zip by water taxi across the lagoon to present Mexican director Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu's Birdman or the Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance.



In Birdman, Michael Keaton stars as a washed-up actor, once famous for playing a superhero. CONTRIBUTED

In the first of 20 flicks vying for the coveted Golden Lion prize, Keaton stars as a washed-up actor, once famous for playing a superhero, who is now struggling to put on a Broadway play in a bid to regain his former glory.

French film composer Alexandre Desplat will head up the main jury at the 71st edition of the world's oldest film festival, which runs until Sept. 6. AFP

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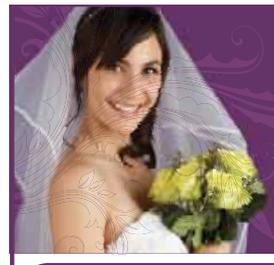

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Sofia thinks she's funny and hot (and she doesn't care what you think)

Sofia Vergara hears your complaints that her Emmy bit — rotating on a turntable to give viewers "something compelling to look at" while TV academy head Bruce Rosenblum droned on — was sexist, and she thinks you're being silly. "I think it's absolutely the opposite," Vergara tells Us Weekly. "It means that somebody can be hot and also be funny and make fun of herself and enjoy and work and make money. So I absolutely think it's ridiculous and somebody who started (this), and I know who she was, has no sense of humour and should lighten up a little bit." Is that "she" Vergara's referring to Katie Couric, by any chance? Couric, after all, tweeted, "Did anyone else find that shtick somewhat offensive?"

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Celebrity diet alert! After a summer of "feasting and drinking on yachts," relaxing, growing a really impressive beard and generally letting himself go, Leonardo DiCaprio is looking to downsize and ditch 10 pounds by autumn, according to Star magazine. "He has given up pasta — and he loves pasta," says a source I can only assume is DiCaprio's mother. "He also plans on working out more, and he is taking his bike wherever he goes." I will say this for this story: It's refreshing to see this kind of attention being paid to a male celebrity's figure and diet for once. Maybe we're actually getting close to that whole equality thing after all. But what prompted this move on DiCaprio's part? Did a tabloid run a photo suggesting he might be pregnant?

Daniel Radcliffe

Radcliffe goes over to the Darke side — way over

Daniel Radcliffe might want to cool it on the opening-up routine for a bit, or he'll risk overexposure. The F Word star has been on an extra-long publicity tour, with the latest stop finding him opening up to Parade magazine about his relationship with Erin Darke. "We met on the set of Kill Your Darlings and just got on immediately. It was one of those instant things where you're like, 'Oh, I really like this person,'" he says. "There's just been an ease in conversation, a relaxed quality to it. I'm not a very chilled-out person a lot of the time. But there's a relaxed quality to our conversation. There's no effort in it. It's totally flowing. It's a wonderful thing."

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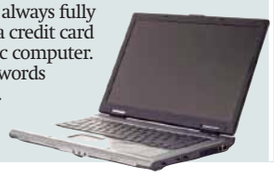

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Deal

The Bahamas for less

Atlantis Paradise Island in New Providence, Bahamas, is offering rooms from about $128 per night if you book before Sept. 30 for travel between Dec. 1 and 17. This December to Remember promotion gets you into the sun just a bit earlier this season — and away from all the pre-holiday hubbub. Atlantis has the largest water park in the Caribbean, the world's largest open-air marine habitat, their very own (and very sexy) Nobu Restaurant just off the casino floor, not to mention all that white, white sand. Visit Atlantis.com. DOUG WALLACE/METRO

Foodies set to bring Bourdain to Nova Scotia

Foodies and film fans alike will have common cause to celebrate this fall as a small community in the heart of Nova Scotia's wine country gets ready to host what organizers are billing as the world's largest food and film festival.

Located in the idyllic Annapolis Valley, Wolfville is set to further cement its reputation as a culinary destination as it prepares to welcome a slew of world-renowned chefs and film directors to the fourth incarnation of Devour! The Food Film Fest.

"Our vision is to create the Sundance of food films," says Michael Howell, the festival's executive director.

This year, 8,000 people are expected to descend with cinematic and gustatory gusto on the town of hardly more than 4,000 when the five-day festival kicks off on Nov. 12.

Anthony Bourdain (shown), a celebrity chef turned food writer and journalist is slated to appear at the fest.

Bourdain is an award-winning CNN television host acclaimed for his food travel series Parts Unknown and No Reservations, as well as his best-selling book Kitchen Confidential: Adventures in the Culinary Underbelly.

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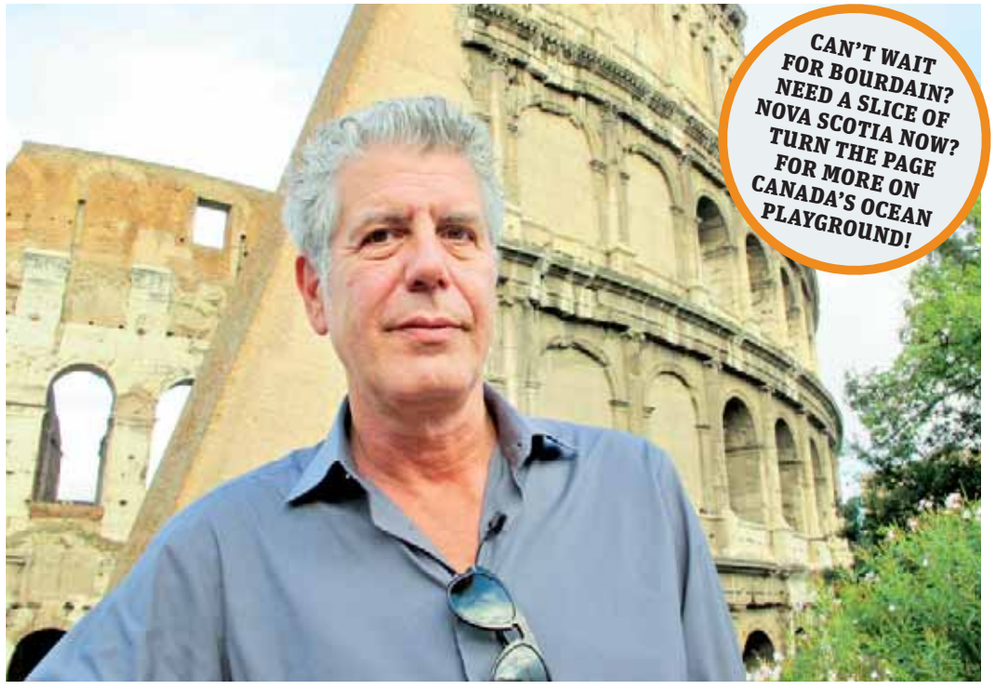

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Bucket list

TIM STEW

Charlevoix, Quebec

This bucolic R&R region on the St. Lawrence 90 minutes northeast of Quebec City is the province's best-kept secret — centred around the two main towns of Baie-Saint-Paul and La Malbaie. A bit of an artist enclave, Charlevoix is also a hit with foodies: The Flavour Trail is an agri-tourism circuit laden with craft beers, pâtés, cheese, chocolate and the like. Designated a World Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO, Charlevoix also has watersports, horseback riding, camping and whale-watching, plus dogsledding, snowmobiling and skiing (at Le Massif) in the winter. Tons of B&Bs to take advantage of here, but try the stylish Hôtel La Firme (above), built on the site of what was once a nunnery, or the Fairmont Le Manior Richelieu. Visit tourisme-charlevoix.com.

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Plains of Abraham offer more than a plain-old history lesson

Quebec. There's plenty to see and do in Quebec City's oasis — get there before the summer is over

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Quebec City's war history is as rich as the gravy at très populaire poutinerie Chez Ashton. Strategically perched on the northern bank of the St. Lawrence River on the gateway to the Great Lakes, the fortified walls of Old Quebec were a perennial hot zone in the clash of empires throughout the 18th century.

The sprawling parkland tract where Abraham Martin once grazed his goats four hundred years ago was the site of the grisly watershed battle of the Plains of Abraham where opposing generals Wolfe and Montcalm both suffered fatal wounds in the pivotal Seven Years War skirmish that allowed Britain to gain their foothold in the old French colonies.

These days the plains are the lungs of the city, with sensational lookouts and plenty of spots to lay out a blanket and spread savoury creton on a baguette.

National Museum of Fine Arts of Quebec

Le Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec celebrated its 80th anniversary last year. It is undergoing a $90-million expansion spearheaded by Dutch architect Rem Koolhaas. Be sure to take a gander at spray-paint maestro Jean-Paul Riopelle's Tribute to Rosa Luxemburg, an epic 40-metre long triptych.

Parliament de Quebec

The seat of political power in La Belle Province, just outside Old Quebec's walls is housed in a breathtakingly grand Second Empire style building festooned with statues of local luminaries. You can take a tour and see the chambers where legislators grumble, but the grounds themselves are gorgeous.

Le Grande-Allé

Whether you want to nibble on tartares or sip on an exquisitely prepared cocktail, L'atelier (624 Grande Allé) in the centre of the action in Quebec City's hopping bar district is a great spot to soak up the local nightlife. Not sure what to imbibe? An electronic scoreboard displays the nouveaux hip sips while a liquor elevator porting bottles to the second level also provides inspiration. Hasta La Vista, Beaudet (a rum punch with notes of lychee and cinnamon) is a nice aperitif.

Romance on the Ramparts

A series of gates provide entryways into North America's oldest walled city north of Mexico.

Steal a kiss under a postern archway in the moonlight in Canada's most romantic city. Adventurous lovers can clamber along the ramparts to find a more secluded spot to stage a truly historic makeout session.

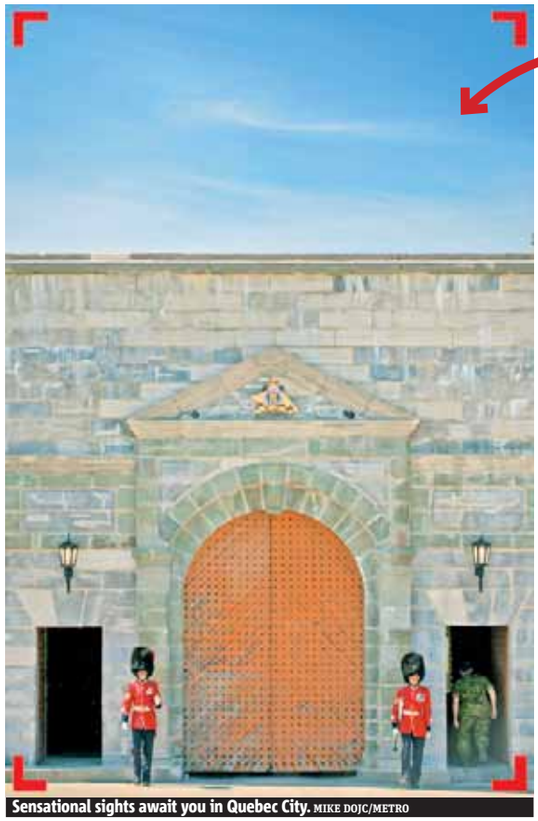
The Citadelle of Quebec

On Cape Diamond, the city's high point, lies the epicentre of Quebec fortifications. After the War of 1812, the Brits decided to upgrade their defensive redoubts and spent 30 years building the fort.

Today it's home to the Royal 22e Régiment, the Canadian Forces' storied French-language infantry regiment, affectionately known as The Van Doos. Peruse the museum and witness the changing of the guard daily at 10 a.m. all summer long through Sept. 1.

Plains of Abraham app

My Mobile Plains, the handy free app, released this past June, provides an interactive map jam-packed with nearly 200 points of interest. Whether you're cruising for the closest cannon side selfie-op or a serious monument-hopping history buff looking to retrace the Marquis de Montcalm's last steps, the app turns you from tourist to tour guide. "You can even take a few virtual bike rides of the streets," says Luc Nicole-Labrie the historical interpretation co-ordinator for the National Battlefields Commission. He was instrumental in compiling the content contained in the app. Don't miss out on the eight augmented reality hotspots that use your device's GPS to overlay historic pictures over your camera's field of view. One nifty one that you'd walk right by without the app is the water reservoir from the 1930s right by Martello Towers. "It's quite cool because you see the inner belly of the park on display," says Nicole-Labrie. The app is currently only available to Android users but a version for Apple devices should be ready by the end of August.



Sensational sights await you in Quebec City. MIKE DOJC/METRO

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Down the road: A trip through Nova Scotian history

Tripping. From the Bay of Fundy to feasting on local lobster, if you're new to the East Coast, this is where to start

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This summer I enjoyed a weeklong road trip through rural Nova Scotia and realized this may be the one province in the region that has it all.

Visitors here enjoy urban rhythms in Halifax, playful humpback whales in the Bay of Fundy, feast on tables brimming with local lobster, oysters and clams and indulge in sweet vino sips while visiting some of Atlantic Canada's premiere wineries.

If you're planning your first visit to the East Coast and are looking to "taste a little bit of everything," enjoy these essentials of a road trip of Nova Scotia.

Alexander Keith's was founded in 1820 in Halifax, making it one of the oldest commercial breweries in all of North America.

The original brewery is located in a massive ironstone and granite building (circa 1820), which offers a perfect stage for your guides, hilarious performers dolled up in period costume. Brew enthusiasts are taken back in time by these animators who showcase 1863 Halifax life in song and story.

Guests are given a quick history of the brewery's founder Alexander Keith, and then offered an education on the art of beer making.

The highlight is the final stop when the group swings by the Stag's Head Tavern for lively Celtic music, games and of course a sample of Alexander Keith's finest ale!

Uncover the secrets of quaint Lunenburg via the bubbly seventh-generation Lunenburger Shelah Allen who runs Lunenburg Walking Tours.

Her hour-long Essentials Tour explores Old Town Lunenburg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Ideal for history and architecture buffs,

Shelah offers a humorous, personal narrative dotted with anecdotes passed down through her family over the years.

Take note: Shelah is the only operator with guaranteed access to St John's Anglican Church and the Lunenburg Academy grounds. Consider yourself a VIP with a key to the city!

I've been on whaling expeditions in British Columbia, Ecuador, Iceland, South Africa and New Zealand and "the show" I experienced in Nova Scotia's Bay of Fundy wins top prize.

Our entire boat was in fits of gleeful hysterics when two friendly humpback whales rolled around in the ocean, slapping their fins and poking up out of the water to say hello.

Coming face-to-face with the world's largest mammal was an unforgettable moment! Petit Passage Whale Watch departs each day from the East Ferry on the Digby Neck.

No trip to Nova Scotia is complete without a visit to the province's premiere viticulture region, The Annapolis Valley.

The province's newest winery, Planter's Ridge, is housed in a newly renovated 150-year-old heritage timberframe barn.

The vineyard is planted on the sandy-clay slopes of a ridge overlooking Wellington Dyke, which offers visitors a stunning view from the winery's sun drenched patio.

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Taking in a Nova Scotia road trip — including a visit to the Alexander Keith's brewery — will guarantee you fit in all the great and historic sites that this East Coast province has to offer.
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In Canada

Get your Euro fix without crossing the pond

ON THE MOVE
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Victoria, B.C. has been dubbed more British than Britain. TOURISM VICTORIA

If a trip to Europe wasn't in the cards for you this summer, there are places across Canada that offer a flavour of the Old World.

Widely recognized as the most European city in Canada, Old Quebec is strikingly similar to northern French cities like Saint-Malo on which most of its older architecture was based. One of three walled cities left in North America and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the curved and hilly cobblestone streets are reminiscent of the Montmartre area of Paris. Pedestrian lanes dotted with cafés and shops are the norm, and French language fills the air.

The Cape Breton highlands offer a taste of Scotland whether you want to hike or bike along windswept trails or drive the famous Cabot Trail.

The island, joined by a causeway to Nova Scotia, is a bastion of Gaelic culture outside of Scotland.

Check out the Gaelic College in St. Ann's for daily music and dance demonstrations or take in a ceilidh at a local tavern. These public kitchen parties feature fiddlers, piano players and highland dancers.

The town of Berlin, Ont. changed its name to Kitchener in 1916 when the board of trade decided the former name might be bad for business. Although the town may not look like a typical Bavarian village, visit during Oktoberfest and you will be immersed in German culture. This year's festival runs from Oct. 10 to 18. Get ready for beer, bratwurst and polka dancing.

Victoria, B.C. has been called "more British than the British." Take an authentic double-decker bus hop-on hop-off city tour to get your bearings. Then explore on your own, admiring the homes and English gardens of the Oak Bay residential area, sample some confections at a British candy shop and take afternoon tea at the Fairmont Empress. If you prefer something stronger, nothing beats a gin and tonic in the hotel's Bengal Lounge.

Signs of autumn mark epic Algonquin road trip

Our annual ride up to Algonquin Provincial Park and Barry's Bay is one of my favourites. Full of winding highways with scenic vistas overlooking lakes, it's one of the most beautiful summer road trips. Situated in the Madawaska Valley, Barry's Bay has a handful of restaurants and inns to enjoy.

The trip

The further north we go, the more we see signs of autumn. Leaves are starting to change and are falling onto the roads. We don't make many stops, except to refuel and scarf down granola bars.

The road

Highway 648 is under construction, with fresh gravel for at least 10 kilometres, but it's nothing our bikes can't handle. I'm not a fan of riding on dirt roads on a street bike, but I was always told that it's good experience and teaches you how to handle the bike in conditions that may not always be perfect.

Moto Diary

Natasha Bene

I grew up around motorcycles. My first time on the back of my dad's Honda CBR 900 street bike was at the tender age of 10. There's nothing I love more than the scent of bike fuel and the rush of adrenalin as I twist the throttle. All month I have been sharing my family's motorcycle journeys with you, and this is our final entry.

The destination

Rounding Elephant Lake we hit Highway 62 — our home stretch to Barry's Bay. We take in the sight of huge rock walls surrounding the highway and lakes. With a four-hour drive ahead, we don't have a lot of time to linger. We plan to travel through Algonquin Park and want to make it before dusk to avoid deer and moose on the roads. Even though the visit was short, we know that we'll be back again next season.

Trip summary

- Total kilometres: 650
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Poems, tweets and cool fonts — oh, my!

Updates. Research will come in handy when revising your resumé. Depending on the company, a haiku may be the key to the job

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The sound of waves at the beach or a soft-serve twist cone may be refreshing in these final days of summer, but you aren't the only thing that needs refreshing: Your resumé needs a twist cone of its own.

You may not think much has changed since last year. Maybe you had a new job this summer, so you can add that to your experience section — but otherwise your resumé should be ready to go, right?

We're immersed in an era of constant evolution, where the types of jobs people have (and the skills they need) are constantly changing.

For instance, having computer skills is no longer noteworthy — it's expected.

What you should be highlighting this season could be quite different from what topped your bullet points last year. Here are some things to keep in mind.

The social game

There's a world of opportunities out there that has sprung up because brands and businesses are utilizing social media. Pick out new platforms on which to showcase your abilities or find unique ways to use them.

A Snapchat resumé? That's unlikely, but these are the types of things brands are doing to stand out. Why should your job application be any different? Do some research on different businesses in your industry. What social platforms do they use? What tone of voice are they using to communicate through them?

Tip: If a company uses its Twitter feed to be quirky and engage with its community in a humorous way, consider this when tailoring your resumé for a position with them.

Get punchy

The competition is strong and employers have access to a sky-high stack of resumés. Make yours more reader friendly. Condense your wording and find ways to make your key points stand out.

Tip: Look at all the sections of your resumé and pick one point from each that is the most important for each position for which you're applying. Highlight these.

Be more than enough

If a job's requirements state "degree and applicable experience," you're likely one of thousands that fit that criteria — so find ways to make your resumé noteworthy. What were you involved in this past year? What electives did you pursue? How did they shape your career plans? Think about what you did this year and how that translates into the job you're looking for, and share this with an employer.

Tip: Take a good look at what you did this past year and find a unique way to translate what you took away from all those different experiences.

Want your resumé to stand out from the pile? Maybe it's time you gave it an overhaul. ISTOCK

Go back to basics

Times New Roman might be a classic font, but is that what's going to get your resumé seen? Go back to the simplest of details such as font, size and spacing. What employers are looking for is constantly changing, so how can you ensure these details work in your favour?

Tip: If a company appears very professional and by-the-book, tailor your resumé to fit that tone. If they've written their job posting as a knock-knock joke, you might consider writing your skills section in the form of a haiku.

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When I dip, you dip, we dip

Cold Rice Paper Wrapped Shrimp Noodle Rolls.
Everyone at your dinner table will enjoy dunking these rolls into a simple Peanut Dipping Sauce

DINNER EXPRESS
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By wrapping up dinner, you can enjoy something a little bit different — and very tasty!

You've likely wrapped up your chicken or shrimp in a flour tortilla, but why not try the lighter rice paper wrapper version?

Rice paper wrappers are great for salad rolls and an easy way to wrap up noodles and dip into your favourite dipping sauce. However, they can also be enjoyed on their own.

These Cold Rice Paper Wrapped Shrimp Noodle Rolls can be made ahead by wrapping individually with some damp paper towel or parchment paper then over wrapping with some plastic wrap and refrigerating until you are ready to enjoy them.

Try them for lunch or a light dinner and get everyone filling and wrapping their own.

As an added bonus, these make an awesome appetizer for your next weekend get-together. Simply cut them in half and serve them up!

If you're looking for a vegetarian option, replace the shrimp with firm tofu.

1. Place the fine brown rice vermicelli noodles in large bowl and pour boiling water over top. Let stand for 10 minutes. Drain and rinse under cold water.

2. Once they're cooled, combine the prepared vermicelli noodles with the shredded carrot, thinly slice shiitake mushrooms, chopped cilantro and mint, and soy sauce. Stir in 30 ml (2 tbsp) of the Peanut Dipping Sauce (see Step 5) and mix well to combine.

3. Fill a shallow bowl or dish with warm water and place 1 rice paper wrapper in it at a time for about 30 seconds or until softened.

4. Place the rice paper wrapper on damp clean tea towel and put 1/10th of the noodle mixture in centre. Top with two shrimps and fold ends in and roll up jelly roll style. Repeat with remaining ingredients until all is used.

5. Cover the prepared rolls with damp paper towels and wrap with plastic wrap. Refrigerate for up to 2 hours. Serve with Peanut Dipping Sauce.

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Ingredients

- 100 g fine brown rice vermicelli noodles (about 1/4 of a 400 g pkg)
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- 1/4 cup (60 ml) chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) chopped fresh mint
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) soy sauce
- 20 large cooked shrimp, tail removed (about 8 oz/250 g)
- 10 rice paper wrappers (about 8 3/4 inch /22 cm diameter)

Peanut Dipping Sauce
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) hoisin sauce
- 4 tsp (20 ml) smooth peanut butter
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) rice vinegar
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) warm water

6. Peanut Dipping Sauce: In a small bowl, stir together the hoisin sauce and smooth peanut butter. Slowly whisk in the rice vinegar and enough of the warm water until the mixture is smooth and combined.

This recipe makes 10 rolls. EMILY RICHARDS

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4 SPORTS

Labour Day Classic

Owens unlikely to play vs. Ticats

The Toronto Argonauts don't expect to have veteran receiver/kick-returner Chad Owens when they face the Hamilton Tiger-Cats on Monday.

Owens suffered a leg injury in Sunday's 41-27 road loss in Edmonton.

Argos head coach Scott Milanovich said while Owens' injury doesn't appear to be serious, it will likely force him to miss Monday's contest.

Owens returned to Toronto's lineup Sunday after missing four games with a foot injury.

Toronto was busy Tuesday, releasing veteran cornerback Dwight Anderson, running back Jeremiah Johnson and receiver Terrell Sinkfield. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ruling

MLB rejects Rays' protest

Major League Baseball has denied the Tampa Bay Rays' protest over Saturday's 5-4 extra-inning loss in Toronto.

The protest was over a replay review that resulted in Tampa's Wil Myers being called out. Myers singled in the fourth inning and was called safe by first base umpire Bill Welke on a pickoff throw. Toronto manager John Gibbons challenged the call and Myers was subsequently called out.

Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon protested the game, arguing that pitcher Mark Buehrle was on the rubber and Rays batter Yunel Escobar was in the batter's box when Gibbons came onto the field to challenge the play.

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Looking for better luck at U.S. Open's hard courts

Eugenie Bouchard returns a shot against Olga Govortsova during their first-round match at the U.S. Open tennis tournament on Tuesday in New York. Bouchard, the women's seventh seed from Westmount, Que., steamrolled her way into the second round by beating Govortsova 6-2, 6-1. Bouchard is the only woman to reach the semifinals of all three previous Grand Slams this season, but has struggled on the hard court, winning just one match over three events leading up to the U.S. Open. Scan the image with the Metro News app for a gallery of Tuesday's matches.

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Toronto FC taking the bad with the good

Down on defence.
Reds ranked 15th in MLS in goals against but their scoring is up

Plagued by injuries to its backline, Toronto FC continues to struggle on defence.

While plenty of statistics illustrate Toronto's turnaround in the second year of manager Ryan Nelsen's tenure, stopping goals is not one of them.

Toronto (9-8-6) ranks 15th in the 19-team league in goals against, conceding an average of 1.57 per outing (36 goals in 23 games). Last year, the 6-17-11 club averaged 1.38 per contest (47 goals in 34 games).

Injuries have contributed to the frailty in the back. But Nelsen has lamented soft goals of late and pointed to the backline being left without adequate help from the players in front of it.

"Look, I don't like conceding goals," Nelsen, a hard-nosed defender during his playing days, said after practice Tuesday. "I don't want to concede goals. The goals that we're conceding, they're goals that are very avoidable.

"But we're also creating a lot more chances. We're a lot more of an attacking threat. We always look like we're going to score. So you have to take a wee bit of the good with the bad and hopefully marry the two.

"What we've got to understand is that there's going to be times in the game where you have to knuckle down, you have to really defend. You're not going to be able to have the ball and possess it all the time, and always look to attack."

Scoring is indeed up, despite assorted injuries to England striker Jermain Defoe. Toronto is averaging 1.43 goals a game, compared to 0.85 last year.

But Toronto's desire to counterattack can leave gaps as midfielders and forwards look to set the scene for an onslaught on the other end. At times, that has meant leaving the defence exposed with the Toronto players in front of them expecting their backline to win the ball and send it forward. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Up next

Captain Steve Caldwell, the club's defensive lynchpin, and fullback Justin Morrow are both ruled out for Saturday's match against the New England Revolution (9-12-3).

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2014 Nissan Altima

- **Type:** Four-door, front-wheel-drive mid-size sedan.
- **Engine:** 3.5-litre V6 (270 hp)
- **Transmission:** Continuously variable (CVT)
- **Base price:** $32,998 (plus destination)

Market position

Many mid-size sedans offer only four-cylinder engines, but there are still buyers who prefer to drive a V6. The Altima 3.5 bridges the gap between the four-cylinder model and the larger Nissan Maxima.

Points

- The Altima was redesigned for 2013, and continues into 2014 with minor changes to its standard features.
- Paddle shifters let you shift to pre-set points on the CVT, for sportier driving or when a burst of power is needed.
- The Altima includes Easy Fill, which monitors the tires when they're being filled with air, and honks the horn at the right pressure.

The interior is roomy, handsome and has bid, easy-to-use controls.

Interesting features

Heated steering wheel, push-button ignition, Easy Fill tire-pressure monitor, Bose premium audio, available electronic safety features package.

Power comes at a price

Review. Nissan Altima mid-size sedan still offers a V6 option, but only on the top trim

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Four-cylinder engines have vastly improved over the years and, in many cases, they've become so powerful that some models don't even offer V6 engines anymore. But there are buyers who still want that bigger engine, and one still offering it is the Nissan Altima.

Although the four-cylinder Altima comes in four trim lines, the V6 comes only in top-line SL trim, starting at $32,998.

This also gives you such creature comforts as dual-zone climate control, heated leather seats, a heated steering wheel, premium stereo and a rear-view monitor.

My tester was further optioned with a Technology Package for $1,100, which added navigation, lane-departure warning, blind-spot monitor, and moving-obstacle detection, which warns if pedestrians or vehicles are nearby when backing up.

The 3.5-litre engine makes 270 horsepower, and it's powerful and quiet. It's mated to a continuously variable transmission (CVT), an automatic that uses pulleys instead of gears for optimum fuel economy.

These units can sometimes feel unusual, but the Altima is among the best I've driven, and it's hard to detect that it isn't a regular transmission.

In combined driving, I averaged a decent 7.6 L/100 km, which was also well within the car's published range.

The ride is stable and smooth, but I did find the steering a bit jerky, especially on longer, sweeping curves. Test-drive it thoroughly, and at lower and higher speeds, to determine if it's right for you.

The interior is roomy and handsome, and I like that the controls are big and easy to use when driving.

Those in the rear seat will enjoy lots of legroom, but although the seats fold down for extra trunk space, you don't get a completely flat cargo floor.

The step up to the V6 is expensive: the top-line four-cylinder model is $28,898, and it's outfitted very similarly to its V6 sibling. So even if you believe that bigger is better, try them both before you buy.

Compare

1 Chrysler 200 V6
Base price: $26,995
Its 3.6-L V6 makes 295 hp, and it's available with all-wheel-drive starting at $31,495.

2 Honda Accord V6
Base price: $34,828
Smooth ride, nice handling and features complement the 278-hp, 3.5-litre V6.

3 Toyota Camry V6
Base price: $29,810
The 268-hp 3.5-L V6 will carry over into the Camry's extensive styling refresh for 2015.

Road warriors tame the wild west

Jamie Davis and his crew of heavy-duty tow-truck drivers put life and limb on the line as they brave some of Canada's most inhospitable roads. With Season 3 of Highway Thru Hell hitting the turnpike Sept. 2 at 10 p.m. ET/PT on Discovery, we asked him about his saltiest co-stars — the deadly highways

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The Coquihalla: Hope to Merritt

Colloquially known as The Coq, this major north-south, avalanche-prone artery links the lower mainland with the Okanagan and travels over very high mountain passes.

It can be easy on the eyes in the summer, with breathtaking Alpine views, but a section known as The Smasher (the area through the snow shed to the top), can wreak havoc all year round.

"In the summertime, vehicles will start to overheat, transmissions will get hot and fail sometimes," explains Davis.

"In the wintertime, guys will either smash their trucks up or they'll smash their gears and their rear ends. It's hard on equipment."

Jamie's Tip: Be prepared. Fill up before you go and have survival gear in your car: warm blankets, candles, extra food and water. "You could conceivably be shut down on that mountain for 10 hours."

The Coq is a mountainous avalanche-prone artery to the Okanagan.

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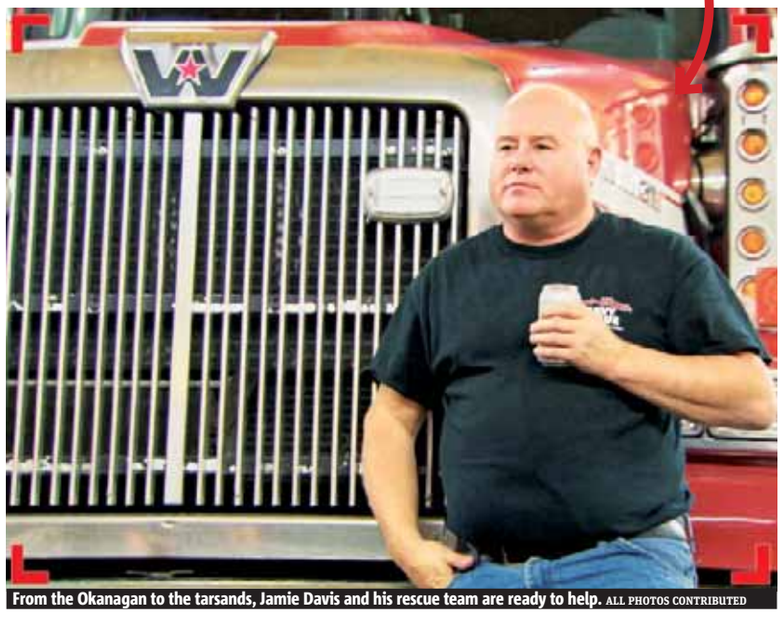

From the Okanagan to the tarsands, Jamie Davis and his rescue team are ready to help. ALL PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Highway 3: Hope to Princeton

This highway, built a half-century ago to serve the Kootenays and the lower part of the province, can be a white-knuckled affair for inexperienced drivers. Wits need to be kept on Skaja Bluffs and 21-mile curve, a couple of hairpin deathtraps.

"Skaja has seen a couple of big-rig accidents," says Davis. "But it catches more motorcycles off guard than anything else."

Jamie's Tip: "Don't be brazen or cocky with the road or it will bite back."

Hwys. 63 and 881 to Fort McMurray

Blowing snow and black ice can cause chaos on Hwy. 63 in northern Alberta (top photo), which serves the Athabasca Oil Sands. Construction is underway to twin the road but, for now, it remains mostly a two-lane undivided highway.

"There is a lot of heavy-duty, industrial, slow-moving traffic on there, and people want to pass the loads, so there are a tremendous amount of head-on accidents," says Davis. "Workers come out of the oilfields wanting to get home after three weeks in and they're raring to go, almost recklessly trying to get home."

Traffic is slighter on Hwy. 881, but it is the detour route whenever accidents close 63.

From 2006-10, there were 3,339 accidents on both highways combined, resulting in 99 deaths.

Jamie's Tip: A lot of people won't travel these highways during shift-change days: Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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New engine prefers running in circles

Autopilot. Although axial designs have never worked before, a New Zealand company thinks it has perfected the idea

AUTO PILOT
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An internal combustion engine usually employs multiple cylinders arranged in a straight line (I4 or I6), in two banks of opposing cylinders in a V-shape (V6, V8), or along a flat plane (Subaru and Porsche).

These various configurations have served us well, but a New Zealand firm called Duke Engines believes we should also try going around in circle.

Now, there have been circular, or arial, designs in the past — most notably on Second World War era aircraft. With Duke's circular engine, the pistons not only go up and down as normal, they also circulate around an axis (the crankshaft). That's why the configuration is called axial.

An important point in any discussion about axial engines is that none have ever been successful.

Having pistons go up and down *and* around is not a recipe for smoothness, and presents lots of challenges for lubrication sealing and keeping the stress out of that one crankshaft bearing.

The main advantages are that you don't need a big heavy block to hold those pistons, and you don't need spark plugs and fuel injectors for each cylinder. Since the pistons rotate, they move over to the firing station, then on to the exhaust station, and around again.

Duke's prototype has five cylinders but only three sets of ports, spark plugs and injectors, yet produces the same amount of power strokes as a six-cylinder engine.

So compactness and light weight are the major hallmarks of this design. The whole thing can be packaged in a very tidy barrel-like housing, to make a very dense power unit.

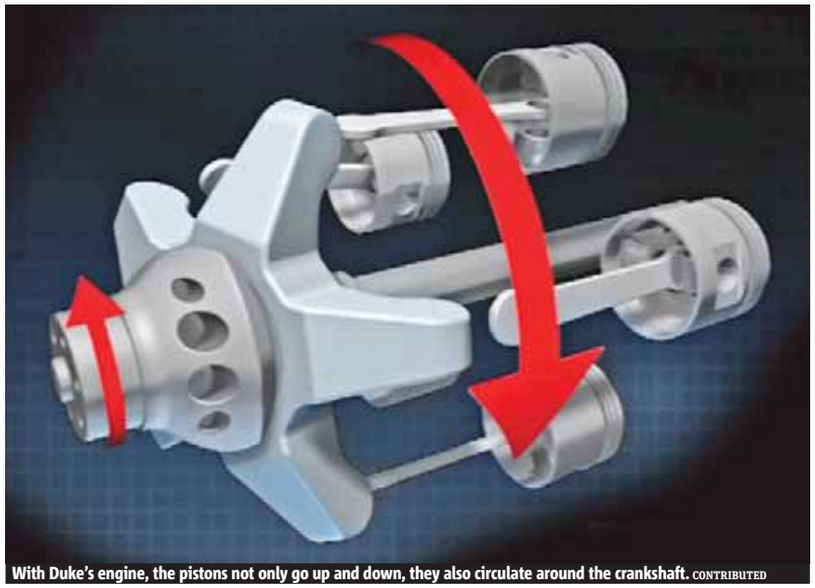
The way everything moves inside that barrel is quite elegant, too.

Duke's chief technology officer, Mike Fry, recently told the Society of Automotive Engineers that the engine "is on the cusp of commercialization" and that the firm is now looking for the right first application.

It's not likely that the first application will be in a vehicle. Its best first chance is probably something military, marine or aerospace.

Watch it work

Check out the video of the Duke engine in motion at dukeengines.com (under the Unique Design button) and see if you're not mesmerized by the mechanical synchrony.



With Duke's engine, the pistons not only go up and down, they also circulate around the crankshaft. CONTRIBUTED

But Duke said the engine would work well as an automotive range-extender engine. (Think of auxiliary gas engines in the Chevrolet Volt and Cadillac ELR).

It also feels like there is more willingness out there to challenge the status quo of the auto industry.

Maybe some upstart technology company, or some non-automotive company, will take the Duke circular engine and run with it, and give the internal combustion engine another interesting chapter.

Auto tech. Drivers disappointed by the latest in-car technologies, study finds

The JD Power Automotive Performance, Execution and Layout Study, which attempts to assess how gratifying a new car is to own and drive, finds that when it comes to design, look and feel, consumers are more than happy with their new cars.

Especially if the car in question is a completely new or redesigned model, rather than a model that is being carried over, unchanged from the previous year.

These carryover cars averaged a score of 791 out of a possible 1,000 points, while new models scored an average 805, being marked higher by their owners in terms of fuel economy, styling and interior refinement.

However, when it comes to things like navigation or voice recognition systems, the same drivers are struggling to see the benefit.

"Manufacturers often look to new features and technologies to keep their vehicles fresh and attractive, but designing systems that consumers find intuitive and easy to use has been a challenge," said Renee Stephens of JD Power. "To differentiate new models from the pack, auto makers must continue to design systems that are not just attractive, but also intuitive and easy to use." AFP

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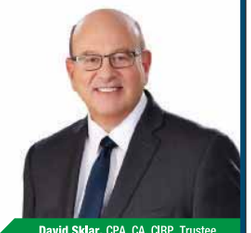

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You are under a lot of pressure but that's when you tend to do your best work. If there is one thing you enjoy, it is a challenge that pushes you to the limits of your ability.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Don't complain that certain people are making life difficult for you because, even if it's true, it will be to your advantage.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
The challenges you face over the next few days will be of a minor nature, so try not to get worked up about them.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Your way with words will help you out of a tight corner today. Just because it was fairly easy to talk your way out of trouble this time does not mean it will be so easy again. Next time, try not to be so provocative!

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You want to get on in the world but you also need to set aside time to unwind with your family and friends. Forget about work over the next 24 hours – do only what feels good.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
There is no reason why you should be feeling depressed because everything is going right for you now. If you really can't see that then maybe you need to shift your perspective.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
A negative feeling has been nagging you the past few days. You need to understand and accept that you're not responsible for the bad things that go on in the world.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Stay on good terms with co-workers. The planets warn if you try to improve your position at someone else's expense, will you fail and also make an enemy for life.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is a busy time, so take regular breaks. There is no point running yourself into the ground, especially in pursuit of things of a material nature.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You want to do something special today. Make sure, however, that it is something constructive and that it benefits others as well as yourself.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You need to make a decision — quickly. Actually, you know what needs to be done, what you have lacked up until now is the motivation to do it. What happens over the next 24 hours will finally inspire you.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You may want nothing more than to get away but you have duties that demand your attention. See to them first.

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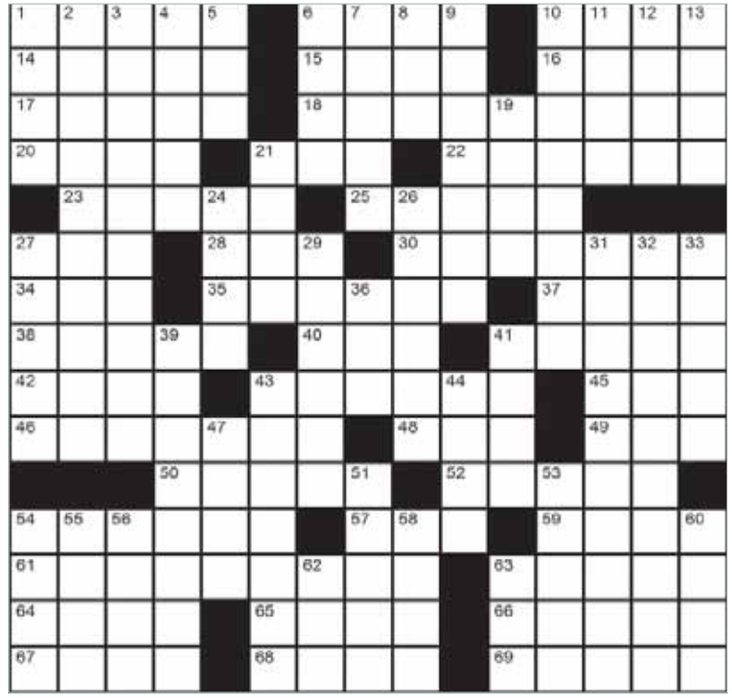

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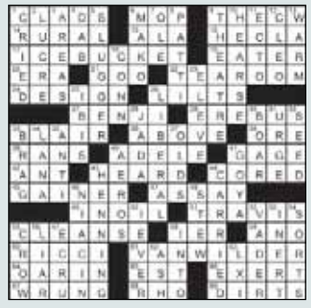
6. Synagogue
10. Wail
14. Gene Vincent's "Be-Bop-_-__"
15. French Sudan, now
16. Ethereal emanation
17. Right-hand page
18. Scottish Highlands-set series, new on Showcase
20. Marc __ (Fashion designer)
21. Star's secret
22. A way to be repaid: 2 wds.
23. String sounds
25. Rick __, music producer
27. Prince Valiant's son
28. "Jaws" (1975) star Mr. Scheider
30. British Columbia city
34. Seafaring hazard
35. Nunavut hamlet on Hudson Bay
37. Connected
38. "The Shoop Shoop Song (It's __ __ Kiss)"
40. Liq. measures
41. Took the helm again
42. Small estuaries
43. Villain's expressions
45. Stuff in Joni Mitchell's "Big Yellow Taxi"
46. "Star Search" host Ed
48. First 'S' in USSR [abbr.]
49. Andy Capp's wife
50. Garrisoned
52. Eden edible
54. "Can I be __ __?" (Store query)
57. Furniture wood
59. "Dirty Jobs" host Mike
61. Tom Cochrane & Red Rider hockey hit: 2 wds.
63. "It's __ __ Never" by Elvis Presley
64. Airport designation, e.g.
65. Design style, Art __
66. Deflect
67. Massachusetts' motto starter
68. Visible
69. Radiohead singer Thom

Down
1. Carnivore's steak request
2. EDM = __ Dance Music
3. Royal Childhood, current exhibition at __ Palace
4. Mr. John
5. Philosopher, __-tzu
6. Air problem
7. "Blade Runner" (1982) star, Rutger __
8. Final [abbr.]
9. As per #3-Down, Queen Elizabeth's childhood nickname
10. Canada's 5, 10 or 20: 2 wds.
11. Four-ringed logo car
12. Small songbird
13. Cooking fat
19. Indigo
21. Biblical instrument
24. Fat: French
26. Tsar's edicts
27. Make _ __ offer
29. One of The Dionne Quintuplets
31. 1972 hit for Canadian band Skylark
32. Creative pastime
33. Beef up: 2 wds.
36. 'Final' suffix
39. Canadian pairs skating great Ms. Brasseur
41. Invitation letters
43. Pots-and-pans scrubbers, _ _ _ ___
44. Be nomadic
47. __ and hearty (Robust)
51. Beach Boys' "Little __ Coupe"
53. Utah city
54. Off-Broadway theatrical award
55. Huckleberry __
56. Elevs.
58. Rock: Kings of __
60. Single-named Art Deco designer
62. "Goodness!"
63. Thumbs-down vote

Yesterday's Crossword



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1			8		7			
3	7						2	9
	5			1		6		
	9		6	4				7
		2				9		
7				9	8		5	
		7		6			4	
4	8						9	1
			7		4			3

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	6	9	7	5	2	1	4	8
5	1	7	4	6	8	2	9	3
4	2	8	9	3	1	6	7	5
2	7	3	6	4	5	8	1	9
8	5	6	3	1	9	4	2	7
1	9	4	8	2	7	3	5	6
7	4	2	5	8	3	9	6	1
9	8	1	2	7	6	5	3	4
6	3	5	1	9	4	7	8	2

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